

Dear New Band Parent: WELCOME TO MARCHING BAND!!!

Since you are new to the Marching Band scene, here are a few things to expect from us & your student and answers to some questions you may not know you have yet:

- Please do not hesitate to ask ANY OTHER parent what something is, or what a word means, or any other question you might have about ANYTHING. We were ALL new to the program once upon a time and would be happy to share what we've learned!
- Marching Band is an athletic activity. Your student will likely be tired after rehearsals. Make sure your child is eating & hydrating properly and getting enough sleep.
- Band Camp is hard work. It is two weeks of some of the most physically demanding stuff your child may do all year. (Overseen by staff & adult chaperones - just like you - who will make sure your child stays healthy & happy) But, camp is also a friendship-bond-making, support & encouragement-exchanging, once-in-a-lifetime, FUN-FILLED experience everyone should have, just ask any of the 170 current Marching Band students!
- Marching Band is truly a team. It is a place where everyone is equally as important as everyone else. There are no MVP's. Everyone matters & everyone has a purpose.
- Some of the things your student will be asked to do may look weird & or seem confusing. Just go with it. It will make sense later at Festival. Don't forget, you can always ask ANY Band Parent what is going on ANY time!
- Your child will need a flip folder, inserts & an instrument-specific lyre for their music. (Available for purchase from Amazon.com, Walmart & nearly every local music store) and a 3-ring binder for their drill book (sometimes called a dot book)
- There is no such thing as having no music to practice at home or knowing their part "good enough" already.
- Your student will need their instrument at **every** rehearsal and performance. They will need their music and drill binders at every rehearsal too!
- Yes, there are expenses involved with Marching Band, but the GOOD NEWS is we have an active parent-led Booster group that offers opportunities for you & your student to help offset those costs (also known as FUN-draising)
- There is usually a "Band Trip" every Spring, usually around Memorial Day weekend, the entire Instrumental Music Program can attend. (Yes, costs for the trip can be offset by FUN-draising, too!)
- Information on how to get in touch with the Booster Board, Sign up for reminders, Stay in the Know, Sign Up for Volunteer Opportunities, Fundraising and more can be found at www.shs-music.org AND by attending our Monthly Band Booster Meetings!
- Find us on Facebook - We have 2 pages: www.facebook.com/groups/stevensonbands for Music Only related content & www.facebook.com/groups/SHSBandBoosters for Fundraising & More Information.
- Your commitment as a parent is what makes our program so successful. Please, volunteer often, get involved, attend Booster Meetings & Performances. Your contributions help maintain the Stevenson Bands' tradition of excellence.
- We look forward to personally welcoming you during the next Booster Meeting on **April 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Stevenson Band Room!** (The entrance right NEXT to the Auditorium is the Band Room Door)

Stevenson Band Contact Information

Signing up for **both** Remind and e-mail blast messages is the most effective way to stay in the loop with updated information from Stevenson Instrumental Music Program. Remind and e-mail blast messages are the primary method used to communicate with both parents and students. It is very important to not only sign up, but to actively read these messages.



Remind (formerly Remind 101): Receive texts, messages in the Remind app, or e-mails from Mr. Sekich and the Band Boosters by signing up with Remind. Sign up options:

Option 1: Get the App on your smartphone: Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and search for Remind. Once you've installed the app "Join a Class" by using the class codes below:

Marching Band: **@mrsekic** Band Boosters: **@shsbcc**

Option 2: Opt in to receive text messages on your cell phone by texting the class codes above to 81010. *You must include the @ symbol in your signup text*

Option 3: No cell phone or just want to receive messages by e-mail? Visit www.remind.com on your computer and click "Sign Up". Create your account, then use the class codes above.

Sign up to receive messages via as many of these options as you'd like – just one, or all 3. You may opt out of receiving Remind texts / messages at any time. To manage this, login to www.remind.com on your computer, click on your name, select account, then select Communication.

Sign yourself up to receive E-mail blasts: Visit www.shs-music.org, and look in the lower left corner for this:

Click here to sign up for the SHS Mailing List

Complete the form and you will begin receiving important e-mail blasts from the Band Boosters with Instrumental Music Program information and updates. You may opt out of receiving e-mails at any time (and update your e-mail address too) by clicking the appropriate link found at the bottom of each e-mail blast.

Web site: www.shs-music.org

Instrumental Music Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/stevensonbands/

Band Boosters/Fundraising Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/SHSBandBoosters/

2018-19 Band Booster Board

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